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Committee: Agriculture

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to swine; to amend section 37-524.01, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit the release of
3 swine for sport; to provide a penalty; to authorize
4 destruction of feral swine; to define a term; to provide
5 for applicability of provisions; to repeal the original
6 section; and to declare an emergency.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-524.01, Reissue Revised Statutes
2 of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 37-524.01. (1) It shall be illegal to knowingly engage
4 in, sponsor, instigate, assist, or profit from the release,
5 killing, wounding, or attempted killing or wounding of animals of
6 the Families Tayassuidae and Suidae for the purpose of sport,
7 pleasure, amusement, or production of a trophy. The commission
8 shall destroy any feral swine and may authorize any agents,
9 including landowners, to destroy and dispose of any feral swine.

10 (2) For purposes of this section, feral swine means swine
11 whose reversion from the domesticated state to a wild state is
12 apparent or an otherwise freely roaming swine having no visible
13 tags, marking, or characteristics indicating that it is from a
14 domestic herd, and reasonable inquiry within the area does not
15 identify an owner.

16 (3) Any person violating subsection (1) of this section
17 is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.

18 Sec. 2. The duties and liabilities imposed by sections
19 54-401 to 54-415 do not apply in the case of stray or trespass of
20 feral swine as defined in section 37-524.01. Feral swine may be
21 destroyed as provided in section 37-524.01.

22 Sec. 3. Original section 37-524.01, Reissue Revised
23 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

24 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
25 when passed and approved according to law.